

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention with the following amended abstract:

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a novel ribosome-binding protein derived from *Bougainvillea spectabilis*, the protein having a molecular weight of about 26,000 daltons by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis under reducing and non-reducing conditions, a pI of about 9.0, and ~~further comprising a specified amino-terminal amino acid sequence. , as well as~~ The invention further relates to a conjugate of ~~said~~ the protein with a targeting ligand, such as an antibody, to form an immunotoxin. The protein and the conjugate are useful in therapy, for example, in the control of tumour cells or viruses.